

--16. A method for screening for a cell differentiation-controlling material, comprising using the cell line of claim 4.

--17. The screening method of claim 6 wherein the material screened for is a gene.

--18. A kit for screening for a cell differentiation-controlling material, comprising the cell line of claim 4.

--19. A cell differentiation-controlling material which is obtainable by a screening method using the cell line of claim 4.

--20. A drug containing the differentiation-controlling material of claim 11.--

REMARKS

The amendment to claim 1 presented above is to better particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention intended for claim 1, namely that the cell line has the capability of differentiating into **both** chondrocytes and adipocytes.

New claims 14-20 are added to restore in part the variation in claim scope eliminated by the first filed preliminary amendment which cancelled the original multidependencies.

Examination on the merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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